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FOR VEHICLE WHEELS )

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56 and 1.97(b), applicants bring to the Examiner's attention the documents listed on attached Form PTO/SB/08. With the exception of the U.S. Publication and U.S. Patents, copies of the listed documents are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the documents listed on attached Form PTO/SB/08 and indicate that they were considered by making an appropriate notation on this form.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

The following are listed on the accompanying PTO/SB/08 and are in a non-English language:

1. WO 02/31041 A1 - This document's equivalent is U.S. Publication 2004/0051210 A1 and corresponds to U.S. Patent 7,488,768.
2. JP 2003-192833 - This document's equivalent is EP 1 321 489 A1 and corresponds to U.S. Patent 6,861,462 B2 and U.S. Publication 2004/0054059 A1.
3. JP 2003-527268 - This document's equivalent is WO 01/03954 A1.

An English-language abstract is provided for the above mentioned documents 1 and 2. The relevance of all the above mentioned documents is discussed in the English-language translation of the Notice of Reasons for Rejection dated June 18 2009, from the Japanese Patent Office in the corresponding Japanese Patent application. .


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